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**RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the September 30, 2003, Office Action which set a three month statutory shortened period of response extending through and including December 30, 2003.

Although no fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for any applicable fee.